

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



**FISCAL NOTE**

**HB 686 - SB 638**

March 23, 2009

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Requires the Department of Children's Services (DCS) to review the status of any person who has reached the age of 18 and determine if the person wants to remain in the care of DCS to complete high school, other educational training, or for the purpose of receiving other services. DCS is required to provide these services until the person reaches the age of 21 or no longer wishes to receive services, whichever occurs first.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase State Expenditures - \$22,002,300**

**Increase Federal Expenditures - \$991,200**

**Assumptions:**

- According to the Department of Children's Services (DCS), there are approximately 695 youths between the ages of 18 and 21 who do not currently qualify for post-custody services.
- The provisions of this bill will require the Department to provide post custody services to any of the 695 non-qualifying youths who request them. The services provided to these individuals will be state funded.
- The Department does not know what percentage of youths qualifies for post-custody services but decide not to accept them. It is estimated that at least 25 percent of the youths would not accept post-custody services resulting in approximately 521 (695 x .75) additional youths who will receive post custody services.
- On average, the additional post-custody services will result in 365 days of state custody. For each additional day there will be an approximate increase of \$108 in expenditures per child. Such will increase state expenditures by \$20,537,820 (521 cases X 365 days X \$108 per day).
- Based on information provided by DCS, it is estimated that the Department will need 39 additional case managers and four additional team leaders to manage the additional services which will be provided.

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- The 39 additional case managers will result in an increase in expenditures of \$2,226,744 which includes salaries (\$1,341,600), benefits (\$456,144), and communications, networking, travel and supplies (\$429,000).
- The four additional team leaders will result in an increase in expenditures of \$228,920 which includes salaries (\$138,000), benefits (\$46,920), and communications, networking, travel and supplies (\$44,000).
- Of the total increase of \$2,455,664 (\$2,226,744 + \$228,920), seven percent (\$171,896) will be Title IV-E Federal funds; 45 percent (\$1,105,049) will be through TennCare; and \$1,178,719 in state funds.
- Of the \$1,105,049 in TennCare funds, \$285,788 is state funds at a 25.862 percent match rate and \$819,261 is federal funds at a 74.138 percent match rate.

### **CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" written in a smaller, more compact script than the last name "White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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